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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZEN PROTECTION

1. SISTER JEROME MULLIGAN, PRINCIPAL ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, OAHU, CALLED JANUARY 16 TO REQUEST URGENT ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF HER ORGANIZATION STRANDED IN MANILA, SHE IDENTIFIED THEM AS SISTER CARMEN (AKA LINDA BAUTISTA), AND MRS. BEATRICE TACTAY, MISS JOLENE TACTAY AND MISS CARMEN ESPIRITU. MISS ESPIRITU IS PHILIPPINE CITIZEN AND A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF HAWAII. ALL OTHERS ARE NATIVE-BORN U.S. CITIZENS. THEY ARE STAYING AT HOTEL FILIPINAS.

2. ACCORDING SISTER JEROME THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE REMAINDER OF LARGER GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN TOURING PHILIPPINES AND HAD ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN SECURING AIR RESERVATIONS FOR RETURN TO HAWAII. SHE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SISTER CARMEN WHO FELT THAT EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN UNHELPFUL WHEN SHE APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE. (SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY EXACTLY WHOM SISTER CARMEN HAD SEEN AND DEPT OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION STRESSES MAY ALSO HAVE AFFECTED SISTER CARMEN'S PERCEPTION OF THE EMBASSY'S POSITION.)

3. SISTER JEROME SAID THAT ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY HAD FULLY PAID TOURIST CLASS TICKETS FOR RETURN TO HAWAII
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AND THAT GETTING SPACE WAS ONLY PROBLEM. THEY HAD BEEN

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TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR PAL, BUT THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE
MANAGED TO LEAVE UP TO THIS TIME TRAVELED BY PANAM.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LOOKING INTO SITUATION
AND RENDERING ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. IF EMBASSY
WISHES TO CONTACT SISTER JEROME SHE CAN BE REACHED AT
HONOLULU TELEPHONE 677-4475 (REPEAT 677-4475). RUSH

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